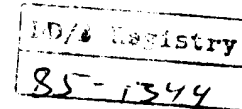


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MEMORANDUM FOR: Comptroller
Director of Finance

FROM: William F. Donnelly [redacted]
Director, Office of Information Technology

SUBJECT: BARS Status [redacted]

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1. As I recently commented to you on separate occasions, OIT is attempting to develop a new environment for Agency corporate computer systems such as BARS, ACIS, LIMS, and IAPS. If we are successful, this corporate environment will establish a new architecture for administrative systems and will use the latest available technology including the IBM line of personal computers.

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2. Our search for new data base management software to support this environment coupled with our search for commercial applications software, has led us to the Cullinet Corporation. In addition to a highly competitive DBMS, Cullinet offers application software packages which, at first glance, appear to support portions of BARS, LIMS, and our existing Human Resources Systems. In addition, Cullinet offers a PC package known as "GOLDENGATE" which can be tailored, we believe, with very little effort to locally support the Agency budget and finance officers.

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3. While the Cullinet product line appears to be a panacea for the Agency's administrative systems, it represents a significant departure from our "normal" mode of systems development. We need more time to evaluate what it can do, and more importantly, what it can't do. There are also other technical areas which warrant further investigation. We are actively pursuing all areas requiring more study and will make a decision in June 1985.

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4. Until then, we request your indulgence regarding firm schedules for all phases of BARS development. We have scheduled a joint briefing for you on 6 May at which time we will bring you up-to-date on the Cullinet study and provide you with a demonstration of the Office Budget Formulation prototype.

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